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SUBJECT: FREETOWN MONITORING PLAN FOR JULY 5 LOCAL ELECTIONS

¶1. (SBU) Sierra Leone will hold local elections on Saturday, July 5, 2008. Post has devised a plan to monitor 8 of the 14 electoral districts on election day. Six monitoring teams comprised of one to three Direct Hire Americans accompanied by Locally Engaged Staff will travel upcountry to observe polling centers. Ten teams will observe polling centers locally in Freetown. The teams will record and communicate their observations to Embassy personnel staffing the Operations Center in the Chancery.

¶2. (SBU) Monitoring teams will visit voting centers in the following areas:

Northern Province:
--Bombali District: Makeni
--Port Loko District: Port Loko, Masiaka, Lunsar

Southern Province:
--Bo District: Bo
--Pujehun District: Pujehun

Eastern Province:
--Kenema District: Kenema
--Kono District: Koidu

Western Province:
--Western District: Urban: Freetown
--Western District: Rural: Waterloo, Hastings, Songo

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